# UNITED STATES COURTS UNITED STATES DISTRICT GOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION DEC 1 8 2013

Perid J. Bradley, Clerk of Court Cheri LaBlanche )( Plaintiff. )( Vs. )( National Board of Medical Examiners - (NBME) )( Civil Action No.4:13-CV-00204 Federation of State Medical Boards - (FSMB) )( **Educational Commission for Foreign Medical** )( Graduates - (ECFMG) )( Jointly and Severally, - Defendants, )(

## PLAINTIFF'S SUMMARY JUDGEMENT OF INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR: (I) 8/30/2013 - DIAGNOSED CVS (II) EQUITY CHOICE and (III) EQUITY NATIONAL STANDARD

I. CLAIM FOR PAPER BASE TEST DEMAND
((TO ELIMINATE COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME - CVS))
DUE TO PLAINTIFF'S 8/30/2013 CVS DIAGNOSIS

On 8/30/2013 Plaintiff was diagnosed with *Computer Vision Syndrome*; (CVS) is a legal, medical, and physical, **IMPAIRMENT** identified and recognized by the American Ophthalmology Association (AOA), and by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC). CVS does not meet the standard, classification, or definition for accommodations as a DISABILITY, via the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); but Plaintiff does refer to the **SPIRIT OF THE LAW - (ADA) Accommodations**; with regard to her documented, exhibited, identified, and **DIAGNOSED IMPAIRMENT** of <u>COMPUTER HEADACHES</u> aka <u>COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME</u> (CVS).

Plaintiff did comply with Dr. Vu Nguyen's diagnosed prescribed tasks, in the attempt to relieve and / or reduce the associated symptoms of CVS; but symptoms did PERSIST! Please see the 8/30/2013 diagnosis Exhibit O attached.

Defendant's sworn affidavit summary judgment responses do confirm and corroborate, that Plaintiff was indeed repetitively and informally **DENIED** paper based examination requests, <u>via numerous informal test site and telephonic communications</u>. Please see the following Defendants' summary response quotes:

Defendants' Exhibit A page 3 item 8 ... ... "Since changing to CBT IN 1999, the three computer based steps have been administered over a million times, and NO EXAMINEE, including individuals who applied for and were granted accommodations, has been permitted to take USMLE in paper and pencil format."

Defendants' Exhibit A page 3 item 9 ... "Even if a paper version of the examination existed - ((which it does not)) — we could not represent to score recipients that a score received on a paper-based examination ..."

And finally Defendant repetitively denied Plaintiffs multiple test site and telephonic informal requests for paper base test accommodation; due to the fact that CVS does not meet the standard, classification, or definition for accommodations as a DISABILITY, via the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Regarding ANY genuine issue or dispute as to the material facts of this claim; Defendants' CANNOT OFFER ANY OPPOSITION for the same as petitioned by Plaintiff; and of those similarly situated. Again there is NO genuine issue or dispute as to this claim and material facts; therefore and most respectfully Plaintiff is entitled to favorable judgment as a matter of law.

\*\*\* PAPER EXAMINATIONS ARE THE ((ONLY)) REMEDY TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE (CVS). Further please see Plaintiff's Exhibits A1 – A4 and B1 – B9. \*\*\*

### II. CLAIM FOR PAPER BASE TEST DEMAND FOR ((EQUITY CHOICE EXCHANGE)) OF DEFENDANTS' TOTAL TEST FEE COSTS OF \$3,195.00 AND AVERAGE MEDICAL SCHOOL COSTS OF \$200.000

Regarding ANY genuine issue or dispute as to the material facts of this claim; Defendants' are MUTE and offer NO OPPOSITION for the same as petitioned on behalf of Plaintiff; and of those similarly situated.

Relative to the sheer magnitude and importance of this claim, which are defined by the years of Education, Costs, Sacrifices, and the Subject Examinations; These have and will determine Plaintiff's current monetary and human investments, regarding her future, carrier path, and life goals; These are indeed worthy of Plaintiff being entitled to judgment as a matter of law, for the <u>Equity Choice Exchange</u> payment of the **remarkable** and **sizeable** total test fees cost of **\$3,195** ... and if failure of any step test; full costs are required for additional attempts.

There is NO genuine issue or dispute as to this claim and material fact; therefore and most respectfully Plaintiff is entitled to favorable judgment as a matter of law.

### III. CLAIM FOR PAPER BASE TEST DEMAND FOR ((EQUITY NATIONAL STANDARD NORM OPTION VERSES COMPUTER))

Regarding ANY genuine issue or dispute as to the material facts of this claim; Defendants' are MUTE and offer NO OPPOSITION for the same as petitioned on behalf of Plaintiff; and of those similarly situated.

The <u>Equity National Standard Norm Option</u> and choice of exam format, via Paper or Computer, is confirmed, established, and exampled by Texas, U.S. States, and U.S. Territories via (1) STATE NURSING CERTIFICATION / LICENSURE EXAMS; (2) State Bar Certification / Licensure Exams, (3) State Teacher Certifications / Licensure Exams, etc.

There is NO genuine issue or dispute as to this claim and material fact; therefore and most respectfully Plaintiff is entitled to favorable judgment as a matter of law.

PAPER EXAMINATIONS ARE THE (( ONLY )) REMEDY TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE (CVS). Please see Plaintiff's Exhibits A1 - A4 and B1 - B9.

There is NO genuine issue or dispute as to this claim and material fact; therefore and most respectfully Plaintiff is entitled to favorable judgment as a matter of law.

#### IV. SUMMARY JUDGMENT AFFIDAVIT & CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I declare under penalty of perjury and am competent to testify based on my personal knowledge; that this RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' SUMMARY JUDGEMENT REPLY is true and correct. I also certify that a true and correct copy of this was forwarded to Defendants' Counsel of record

Respectfully Submitted,

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SIGNED on this /3/day of DECEMBER 2013.

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